



St. John's Ministry Focus of the Month:

HEALTH MINISTRY!

Health Ministry Sunday coming October 8th
for Contemporary & Traditional Services

Andrew Fischer, Chaplain at SRH & Hospice House, Guest Speaker

9am Contemporary Worship

10am Sunday School

11am Traditional Worship

Special Blessing of the Hands



Our hands are often part of healing, whether it's holding the hand of one who is anxious, offering a much needed hug, knitting a prayer shawl, or cooking a meal for a grieving family, our hands are the tools of God's ministry through us. To strengthen and encourage us in that work, we will participate in the Blessing of Hands. All of us are called to be messengers of God's healing and redeeming love; all of us are supported in that work by God's Holy Spirit. *(See article from Joanne Kopchik about Health Ministry on the next page)*



Where do we go from here? This was a question I asked in a sermon on September 17th. This question is influenced by a few factors: Pastor Emily's departure, beginning our front landscaping and paying off our mortgage. The answer

I gave was we lay our concerns, questions, worries and anxieties on God ... **simply put, we pray!** And that is the first and foremost activity we all need to be doing ... praying for our council leaders, our staff and each other. I will continue to pray for you and I always appreciate your prayers. For it is only through God's help that we can know how to move forward. *"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* Philippians 4:6-7

In October, the council will have a special meeting with the Rev. Ginny Aebischer, Assistant to the Bishop of the South Carolina Synod, ELCA. She will discuss with us the process needed as we move forward in calling an Associate Pastor. This will be a prayerful time of discernment as we don't want to rush through the process. As I will be a solo pastor for a while, please remember that my day off continues to be Fridays. I will continue to be open to visiting, worshipping and participating with you in the ministries we share. But I am also counting on you to be more actively involved too. The landscaping project has begun, thank you for your financial contributions and support of this project. Once this is complete we will have a special blessing as we know it will make a positive impact on our ministries and on the surrounding community. On Homecoming Sunday we were able to experience the "holy time" of burning our mortgage. A blessing from so many saints, both present and those who have gone before us to our heavenly home. The opportunity that God has given us is to use more of our financial resources for ministry inside and outside the St. John's community.

I cannot help but believe that God has some wonderful and exciting things planned for us. I am looking forward to our working together, praying together and having fun together. May God guide and inspire us as we move forward in the hope of God's amazing grace. **Peace, Pastor Mike**

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HEALTH MINISTRY



All members of Saint John's are involved with health care whether they care for adults, children, or family pets. The Health Ministry Committee is a support group of diverse individuals from the congregation. Many believe that this group consists of health care professionals only. However, the ministry team consists of both health care professionals and others who have an interest in Health Ministry.

Health Ministry meets preferably once a month for feedback, projects and ideas on how to best serve the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the congregation and community. Not all members of Health Ministry attend meetings. Those who attend meetings spend time brainstorming, prioritizing, generating ideas and deciding on a few areas to meet the most immediate and future needs. Some team members are involved in other aspects of the church like

the Eucharistic ministers and prayer chain while others quietly care for family and friends. Lay health members work with health care professionals to enhance and support programs and events, increase knowledge of health risks, create informed health advocates and become valuable resources.

Events are planned with a holistic approach. The most recent event planned for the congregation and the community was Life Line Screening, which provided 59 people of all ages with low costs tests. In July Health Ministry sponsored a blood drive. Did you know that some of our members are part of the Ecumenical Blood Council which is comprised of 6 local churches? Last year and planned for the future camp and sports physicals will be provided for youth. Members are also involved in the planning and promotion of other ministry sponsored events of the church.

Although Health Ministry can minister to your needs, answer health questions, provide resources, plan events and suggest a course of action, Health Ministry members are not qualified nor required to physically administer care. Transportation and other assistance are provided when Health Ministry members are available. Members act as a bridge between health care providers and you. Medical professionals can assist in the interpretation of test results, evaluate information and provide general direction and recommendations, but the ultimate decisions are made between the health care provider and you. If extended care is needed, Health Ministry can provide access to Home Health Care, Hospice Comfort Keepers and other services.

Get involved, learn about resources and show care for others. Attend a Health Ministry or Congregational Nurse meeting to discover resources, action plans or to submit interests in programs. If you have an area of interest or a need, submit it to a HM member who will discuss it in confidence at a meeting. Welcome all to our meetings held at the beginning of each month in the PLC. Consult the Visitor or a Health Ministry member for dates and times. Consider being a committee member.

Joanne Kopchik RN, FCN, HM Chair

23RD ANNUAL CHRISTOPHER'S CAMP COMING IN OCTOBER! SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH LIFE CENTER



Christopher's Camp is a day camp named in memory of Christopher Mockabee, a four-year-old served by Spartanburg Regional Hospice, for children and adolescents (ages four-18) coping with grief following the death of a friend or loved one. If you know of someone who could benefit from this comforting consolation activity for grief, registration forms are available please contact Beth Cutshall at 864- 993-9429.



NEWS OF THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Circle 1	October 03 - Tue - 10am	TBA
Circle 2	October 09 - Mon - 10am	Leader: Hervie Thomas Hostess: Jacque Maidel & Sharon Fulk
Circle 3	No October Meeting	
Circle 4	October 16 - Mon - 7pm	Hostess: Conny Linder
Circle 5	October 07 - Thu - 5:30pm	Leader: Kitty Hagglund Hostess: Sue Kurz & Cathy Pearson

WELCA Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 17th, 5:30pm

2017 Women of the ELCA Officers

President _____ Donna Bolt
President-Elect _____ Judy Lybrand
Secretary _____ Alexandra McCormack
Treasurer _____ Rachel Wall
Mission Committee Chairs
Action _____ Kathie McKenzie
Growth _____ Kitty Hagglund
Community _____ Sue Kurz



If you have any questions about joining a circle and want to know more about WELCA, please call Kitty Hagglund at 574-0895

New Christian Education Opportunities

Kids and Youth Classes

Classes for **Pre-K through 5th grade** are in the downstairs Children's Sunday School wing below the Fellowship Hall. Our Lutheran based Spark program connects kids with the same stories they'll hear in worship each week, so that the lessons are more easily learned and remembered. Each class is tailored to its age-level with caring and fun teachers and hands-on learning opportunities.

Confirmation Class for grades 6 through 8 are upstairs, above the staff offices. Pastor Mike is leading this year's study.

High School Students meet in the Youth Room of the Parish Life Center with Corey Carson and Kevin Lageman for discussions about life topics and current videos.

Adult Classes Through 10/22:

Saying Yes: What is God asking of me? Should I follow my head or my heart? Have you ever asked yourself these questions?

Discerning God's will is an ongoing process – not a static, one-time decision. Albert Haase, OFM, reminds us that our ordinary lives are the megaphone through which God communicates. Amy Mezger leads this study in L11 (below the sanctuary).

New Members: Are you thinking of joining St. John's? Have you been visiting, but have some questions? This class is for you! Get to know our church and our people and find out where you can use your gifts. The class meets in L10 (below the sanctuary). Harrell Connelly is continuing this class and will welcome new members on Sunday, October 22nd.

Alpha and Omega: This thoughtful, thorough class is working their way through Psalms in a way that honors the depth and richness of Scripture. This class meets in L06 (below the sanctuary).

The Story: This year-long class will look at the entire Bible as one continuing story of God and his people. Carefully selected verses from the Bible are organized chronologically and written in the form of a novel from Genesis to Revelation. Each class features a video presentation and discussion, equally perfect for those new to the Bible and for those with life-long familiarity. Meets in L12 (below the sanctuary).

Contemporary Discussion: Dick and Lori Conn will host this welcoming discussion of current events, opinions, and our place as Christians in a complex world. Join them for good coffee and good conversation. Meets in the PLC Senior Room.

Martin's Table: Jim Milligan and Leslie Connor will lead an exploration of The Lutheran Church in America since 1698. Learn about American Lutheranism from the Swedish immigrants to the ELCA of 2017. All are welcome! Meets in the PLC conference room.





COUNCIL CORNER HIGHLIGHTS

September Council Notes

- Reformation is a big event this month. SJLC is sponsoring 4 events - a lecture, a video, a concert and a panel discussion (November).
 - ELCA Joint Reformation Worship Service - Saturday, October 28, at Holy Communion Lutheran Church at 2pm. *Need 5 desserts from SJ for the reception at 2pm.*
 - Reformation Sunday at SJLC on October 29, fifth Sunday with one service in the Nave
 - Stewardship Luncheon (Oct 29) in the PLC and Congregational Meeting (Nov 12).
 - Ginny Aebischer, Assistant to the Bishop, will be here at SJLC to go through the "call" process at a special council meeting.
 - Received thank you notes from Pastor Hobby Outten and the Cantrell family for hosting the funeral service. Another thank you came from Kimberly Reeser from Life Line Screening for hosting the event which had 59 participants.
 - **October council duty** – Randy Cohen & Gil Bulman
 - Nov 12 – Congregational meeting to vote on the 2018 budget and new council members
- *More information can be found on the Council Corner Bulletin Board.*

Our **St. John's Lutheran Men** will meet **Monday, October 23rd at 6:30pm**, in the Fellowship Hall. A special program will be presented by **Jim Milligan** as he takes you *Visiting Peter at his Home in Rome*. Contact Bob Phillips by phone at 864-504-1528. Bob's email is phrob1@icloud.com. All men are Lutheran Men and welcome to attend. Tina Nichols will prepare a delicious meal for the meeting. All who are interested in attending the meeting, please sign up on the Lutheran Men Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall for preparation purposes.



Fitness Dance - Tuesday's from 6 - 7pm in the **PLC**. Get moving – on the first Tuesday of the month we do Latin Music Dance with Robin. The other Tuesday's are Line Dancing, Rhythmic walking inside and outside or Yoga with different people taking the lead. Open to all ages and levels!

Fall Brewsky Schedule Due to the resuming of choir practice, our meeting time will change to **7:30pm**.

- October 4th: **Palmetto Grill**
- October 11th: **Hickory Tavern**
- October 18th: **Mellow Mushroom**
- October 25th: **Dudley's**

Menu

OCTOBER WEDNESDAY LUNCH at 1:00PM
Please sign up on the board in the Fellowship Hall for the complete meal which is \$6.00

10/04	
Spiral Sliced Ham	Sweet Potato Casserole
Green Beans	Roll
	Dessert
10/11	
Mexican Chicken Casserole	White Rice
Salad	Chips & Salsa
	Dessert
10/18	
Breaded Chicken	Macaroni & Cheese
Mixed Veggies	Dessert
10/25	
Vegetable Beef Stew	Side Salad
Fruit	Roll



Mix & Mingle at Spartanburg International Festival on October 7th – those interested will meet at the entrance of **Barnet Park** at **11:30am**. There will be dancing opportunities on **October 14th** and **October 28th**. Please check with Conny for details at 864-921-0615 or email connylinder@msn.com.

St. John's Committee Meetings:

Worship/Music 12:15pm 2nd Sunday Dnstrs.Conf. Rm.
Social Ministry 3pm 2nd Sunday PLC Senior Rm.
Health Ministry 4pm 2nd Sunday PLC Conf. Rm.
Finance 4pm 2nd Sunday Dnstrs Conf. Rm.
Christian Ed. 12:30pm 3rd Sunday PLC Conf. Rm.
Youth Min. 3pm 3rd Sunday PLC Conf. Rm.

Evangelism - Com/Tech - Stewardship - Fellowship - Property as called.



IN MEMORIAM 2017

Please pray for the family of these loved ones who have passed into life eternal.

Phillip Andrew Compton
 Son-in-law of George & Vicki Johnson
Wayne Wehofer, Sr.
 Father of Wayne Wehofer, Jr., Kurt Wehofer, & Diana W. Boswell

Growing Our Future Capital Campaign

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:6-7

**GROWING OUR FUTURE TOTAL TO DATE IS:
\$64,958.19**

Exciting News From the Capital Campaign

We wanted to give everyone an exciting update on the “Building Your Future Capital Campaign.” As you are aware, we started the campaign last Homecoming with a lofty goal of \$100,000. That money was to be used to replace our oaks with new trees and plants, create a new common area for future gatherings, lighting, and make other needed updates to improve the safety of the Church. You will now begin to see work being done. Old plants have been removed and the canvas is clean. New sidewalks and hardscaping are in the works. New lighting and the repairs to the front steps to make our entrance safe and inviting will be coming, and lastly, new plantings will go in to take advantage of the winter growing season. Depending on the weather, it will take about 4 or 5 weeks to complete these projects. No Church functions should be affected by the work. Thank you to all of those who have contributed to the campaign. Your gifts have been above and beyond and we appreciate your generosity. For those of you who have yet to give there is still time. We at St. John’s have been very blessed over the years. We have continued to expand, develop, and enrich the lives of members and the Spartanburg community. By giving to the Campaign, you can help upgrade our facilities, improve safety, and continue to grow St. John’s for generations to come. If you have any questions or thoughts, please direct them to Corey Carson or any member of the Church Council.

Thank you again for your support in the growth of St. John’s.



The transformation begins!



REFORMATION 500 Events Continue!

Do you realize how important the Reformation is? Perhaps, because you are a Lutheran, particularly in upstate South Carolina, you think you know all there is to know about Luther and that no one who is not a Lutheran particularly cares. But, this 500th anniversary is a worldwide happening! In Germany, the 500th anniversary has been celebrated over the past ten years! Martin Luther has been deemed one of the three most influential individuals of the past millennium!

*And here in Spartanburg, in Upstate South Carolina, there is a lot going on to commemorate the anniversary of this momentous turning point of history. Some of it is Lutheran, much involves other denominations, and a lot is secular. All the events are open to the public at no charge. If you don't know WHY all of these events are taking place, you need to attend some of them to realize the actual impact that Luther had on all of history. The September events were a great taste of Luther's impact, and in October we will get more. **DON'T MISS OUT!!!***

- Events begin here at St. John's in the PLC on **Monday, October 2 at 6:30pm**. We will be treated to a screening of Rick Steves' ***Martin Luther and the Reformation***, followed by a drama featuring ***Martin Luther and Katherina von Bora*** featuring our own **Jim and Peg Milligan!**
- **Monday, October 23 at 6:30pm** we will host a lecture by Dr. Carol Loar, Professor of History at USC Upstate on *Luther and the Question of Women*.
- On **Sunday, October 29, at 4:00pm** the American Guild of Organists will present a **Reformation Recital** in our Nave.

For a detailed list of all community Reformation events please go to the website www.uscupstate.edu/reformation, our St John's website www.stjohns-spartanburg.org, or check out the posters available throughout the church.

Looking forward to next month: *The Great Awakening and the American Revolution in the South* will be discussed by Michael Scoggins (Research Director, Southern Revolutionary War Institute, York, SC) on **November 6th** at USC Upstate at **7:00pm** (in partnership with the Revolutionary War Roundtable of the Backcountry). The final event will be a delightful **Reformation Concert** offered by the **Spartanburg Festival Chorus and Converse Symphony Orchestra** on **November 16th** at Converse College's Twichell Auditorium at **7:30pm**.

This wide variety of events offers something for everyone. Make plans to attend one or several — you will enjoy yourself! The world did change 500 years ago, thanks primarily to the work of God through Martin Luther, and this is an opportunity for all Lutherans to become more familiar with what happened then and with what has happened since and is still influencing the world today!



REFORMATION WEEKEND

Lutheran Events for St. John's OCTOBER 28 & 29



Saturday, October 28th

2:00pm - Joint ELCA Worship

- The four Spartanburg area ELCA congregations, **Joy, St. John's, Springs of Grace, & Holy Communion**, will join together for one worship service at Holy Communion located at 1430 John B White, Sr. Blvd.
- **The Reverend Dr. David Ratke**, Dean of the College of Theology at Lenoir-Rhyne University and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, and Professor of Religious Studies will be our Guest Preacher.
- There will be special music, an inspiring message, the blessing of a Disaster Relief Truck, and lots of food and fellowship.

Sunday, October 29th

St. John's Lutheran Church

- 10:00am Intergenerational Reformation Celebration Fellowship Hall and Sunday School Classrooms
- 11:00am ONE Traditional Worship Service - Nave Special Music, St. John's Brass Ensemble, Holy Communion
- 12:30pm Stewardship Luncheon Catered Meal in the Parish Life Center
- 4:00pm American Guild of Organists: Reformation Recital Performance in the Nave

For a detailed list of Reformation Community Events in Spartanburg go to the website www.uscupstate.edu/reformation



HISTORY IN ACTION *or* ... **A BLAST FROM THE PAST!**

by Judy Lybrand, Archives

OCTOBER 2017

For the seventh and final month, we learn a surprise about Martin Luther from the article, "Martin Luther's Seven Surprises," by Timothy J. Wengert, which appeared in Lutheran Woman Today in October 1992 to commemorate the 475th anniversary of the start of the Reformation. This year, we celebrate the 500th anniversary and are enjoying his message, which notes the change in perspective Luther had on religion. We have learned a surprise each month for seven months with our conclusion this month.

What surprises many Lutherans about Luther is *what* he actually taught and *how* that teaching so excited Christians in his day.

Surprise #7: **That's My Problem, Too.**

Through Luther's personal letters we glimpse his pastoral side as he struggles to console people in many of the same situations Christians face today. In these letters one thing stands out: Luther never talks down to people, but gives earthly advice based on his own struggles. Even in the Large Catechism, when discussing the problem of those who did not participate in the Lord's Supper, Luther does not simply judge his contemporaries. Instead he shares his own weakness:

"But suppose you say, 'What if I feel that I am unfit [to take communion]? Answer: This also is my temptation,...Because of this we become so timid that everyone was thrown into consternation, saying, 'Alas, I am not worthy!'... "People with such misgivings must learn it is the highest wisdom to realize that this sacrament does not depend on our worthiness."* Perhaps it is just this personal honesty and surprising witness that makes Luther a resource for Christians nearly 450 years after his death.

**From The Book of Concord, translated and edited by Theodore G. Tappart, copyright ©1959 Fortress Press*

In 1992, the Rev. Dr. Timothy J. Wengert was associate professor of the history of Christianity at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, and a Luther scholar.

In the weeks leading up to our 500th Reformation Celebration on October 29, 2017 we are enjoying a different red worship folder insert each week which will help us recall aspects of how our denomination was formed. If you miss a week, you can find copies of those inserts on the Reformation Bulletin Board in the back hallway. The Bulletin Board has a lot of interesting information about the era, 500 years ago in Europe, when God used Luther to reform the church. Other displays will be popping up around the facility as we get closer to Reformation Sunday—keep watch!



Hallooooo!

Please join the
Young Family Ministry
 for a
Halloween Trunk or Treat
Monday, October 30th!
5:30 ~ 7pm

If you're interested in having a decorated car and passing out treats, please contact **Beth Cutshall** by **October 8th** at bethcutshall@gmail.com or call 864-993-9429 to reserve a spot for you! We'd like to open this up for a community event, but we need **YOU** to make this a success!



REFORMATION CELEBRATION

On Sunday, **October 29th** we will celebrate the **500th Anniversary of the Reformation**. As a part of this special celebration, St. John's LCY will host a **Reformation Celebration Party** during the Sunday School time of **10:00am - 11:00am**. We will celebrate with carnival style games, skits, and special Reformation visitors. Come and join the fun and games led by the St. John's LCY! We will be planning the games and activities on 10/15 and 10/22, then set up on the morning of 10/29.

10/1/17
Let's do Lunch!
 We are heading out to **Los Mexicanos** on E. Main St. near Walmart. Bring at least \$10 for your meal. Meet in from on the **PLC at 12:30pm!**
Olé!



COMING IN NOVEMBER
 We will be collecting money and food to provide Thanksgiving Dinner for **THE HAVEN**



30 - HOUR FAMINE
 Thursday, Oct. 5th - Saturday, Oct 7th

Eat a regular meal on Thursday evening prior to 8pm. On Friday for breakfast and lunch, you are allowed only one cup of rice or whole grain product (including bread or bagel) and one cup non-acidic juice or water. On Friday evening, Jell-o, popsicles, and additional grain items will be available. A hearty breakfast will be served on Saturday morning. No additional snack will be allowed.

We observe a 30-hour Famine to understand what 600 million people face each day. In 2016, a child under 5 dies every 10 seconds.

10/01/17	12:30pm	Lunch out - El Mexicanos - E. Main St.	Bring \$10 for lunch
10/06/17	6:00pm	LCY Lock-in -30 Hour Famine	6pm Friday-10am Saturday
10/08/17	1:00pm	NO LCY	No LCY due to Lock-in
10/15/17	1:00pm	LCY - Reformation Celebration Game prep	Game prep and planning
	2:00pm	2018 Youth Gathering Meeting	Details and program
	3:00pm	Youth Ministry Committee Meeting	Plan your future
10/22/17	1:00pm	LCY - Reformation Celebration Game prep	Game prep and planning
10/29/17	9:00am	LCY - Set-up Reformation Celebration	500th Celebration set-up
	10:00am	Reformation Celebration!	500th Party Time
	1:00pm	NO LCY	No LCY due to morning celebration

Prayer Requests

Members who are ill:

Jane Watson
Tyler Shelley
Tom Ballard

Jim Shaver
Robin Hunsinger
Gloria Massey

Lois Ann Hesser
Tanya Hindman

Family and Friends of Members:

Pat Pannier, *friend of Doug & Sue Kurz*
Pat McKinney, *mother of Stephen McKinney*
Dorothy Husty, *cousin of Ed & Jacquie Maidel*
Thomas Ragan, *friend of George & Judy Psillas*
Adam Rogers & his family, *friends of Carol Lipscomb*
Jeff Harkins, *nephew-in-law of Jeff & Andrea Rousey*
Eleanor Flowers, *sister of Everette Lineberger*
Paula Brown, *friend of Doug & Sue Kurz*
Heather K. Cassidy, *friend of Andrea Rousey*
Rebecca Carson, *aunt of Patrick Boyd*
Carl & Lana Chichester, *parents of Tricia Boyd*
Joyce Xu, *sister-in-law of Ed & Jacquie Maidel*
Janice Bullard, *mother of Leigh Anne Bridges*
Ted Hillmer, *father of Jackie Jacobson*
Chris Hindman, *friend of Tanya Hindman*
Anne Duncan, *friend of Dick & Lori Conn*
Todd Keith, *cousin of John & Joanne Kopchik*
Angela Howard, *daughter of John & Joanne Kopchik*
Mason Fain, *grandson of Libby Fain, friend of Kevin Bolin*
Linda Compton, *friend of Betty Bishop*
Gene Young, *father of Linda Dohse*
Micajah Owens, *granddaughter of Jeff & Andrea Rousey*
Maxine Towe, *mother of Michael & Julia Towe*
Marjorie Kellogg, *sister of Dick Sprang*
Dan Rungo, *brother of John Rungo*
McKinnon Galloway, *niece of Jack & June Miley*



Members and Friends confined to home or health care:

Ruby Horton, Jo Tiner, Paul Foerster, Betty Walker, Martin Zschocher, Marty Lovett, David Frick, and Everette & Ann Lineberger.

Members and Friends serving in the military:

Matthew Thomas, Ryan Dohse, John Newman, Daniel Linder, Jacob Fischer, Chris Brown, Anthony Dylan McCormack, Cynthia Johnson, Dustin Vest, John Jacobson, Jr.

Prayers for our neighbors.

September Attendance Record

Worship Average:

9:00 Contemporary – 78
10:00 Christian Education Classes – 88
11:00 Traditional – 162
11:00 ONE Service Homecoming – 198

Wednesday Worship

11:00 Pastor's Bible Study
12:15 Worship Service
1:00 Fellowship Lunch



General Fund YTD as of August 31, 2017

Budgeted Expenditures	Actual Expenditures	Giving to Date
\$404,525	\$391,632	\$342,029

General Fund Budgeted and Actual Expenditures includes \$16,000 transferred to reserve accounts.



Those Privileged to Serve

COUNCIL GREETERS/COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Randy Cohen & Gil Bulman

CD DELIVERY

01 Cheryl Pettis

08 John & Anne Burger

15 Rubye Dellinger & Linda Ebert

22 Harrell Connelly

29 Dick & Lori Conn

Nursery Attendants

10am

11am

01 Stephanie Hujik

Luann Bryant

08 Mary Helen Wessinger

Stephanie Lageman

15 TBA

Ineka Pitt

22 Barbara Scherberger

Page Lawrence

29 TBA

Leslie Connor



ALTAR GUILD

01 Kitty Hagglund & Rebecca Koon

08 Sue & Doug Kurz

15 Barbara & Ron Thomas

22 Andrea Rousey & David Lybrand

29 Brigita Balaram & Rebecca Koon

CRUCIFER

01 Harrison Homan

08 Lukas Mezger

15 Nathan Shackelford

22 Matthew Jones

29 Andrew Hospodar

ATTENDANCE RECORDING

Shirley Bell & Martha Wright

ALTAR FLOWERS

01 Joann Hoffmeyer

08 Martha Brown

15 Bob & Cheryl Pettis

22 Patrick & Tricia Boyd

29 Hervie Thomas

TRADITIONAL SERVICE - NAVE

GREETERS

George & Vicki Johnson

Jim & Amie Shaver

Pam Bulman & Kare Kragas

Luann Bryant & William Schriver

Al Stresing & Stephen McKinney

ACOLYTE

Tyler Shelley

Matthew Mills

Emma Hospodar

Tyler Shelley

Grace Geddes

LECTORS

Brent Lybrand

Health Ministry

Shirley Connelly

Stephanie Lageman

Stephanie Lageman

COFFEE

TBA

Health Ministry

Circle 5

Circle 4

Stewardship Dinner

PEW POCKET STUFFER

Randy & Noreen Cohen

USHERS

Mark Homan, Doug Kurz, Sue Kurz, Michael Towe, Christopher Towe, and Tracey Bishop



CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - PARISH LIFE CENTER

ALTAR GUILD

Patty Culbreath, Amie Shaver, Janine Wagner, Joanne Kopchik, Roberta Mileski, & Joann Hoffmeyer.

Audio/Visual

Steve Grimm, Matt Cutshall, Chris Towe, & Logan Connor

Worship Space Preparation

Patty Culbreath & Allen Mabry

REFRESHMENT SET-UP & CLEAN-UP

01 Myron & Marlene Donna

08 Please sign up on the kitchen door

15 Please sign up on the kitchen door

22 Please sign up on the kitchen door

29 Stewardship Dinner

Attendance Recording

Patty Culbreath & Rick Sprang

1 9am Contemporary 10am Sunday School 11am Traditional 12:30pm LCY - Lunch at Los Mexicanos - E. Main St. 2pm Special Council - PLC SR 4pm Health Ministry - PLC CR	2 6:30pm Reformation 500 Rick Steves Movie - PLC	3 8:30am Men-A-Plenty 10am Circle 1 10:30am Staff Meeting 6pm Fitness Dance 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	4 9am Eastside Co-Op 11am Bible Study 12:15pm Worship 1pm Lunch 2:30pm Stewardship 5:30pm Handbells 6pm Backpack Pack 6-7pm Puppet Practice 7pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm Brewsky - Palmetto Grill	5 4:30pm PEP Meet - PLC CR 5:30pm Circle 5-FH 7pm Executive Committee (date change)	6 5pm Rubel Wedding Rehearsal - Nave <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">6pm LCY 30 Hour Famine Lock-in Ends 10am with Breakfast</div>	7 5pm Rubel Wedding - Nave
8 Health Ministry Sunday - Andrew Fischer, Chaplain at Regional & Hospice House 9am Contemporary 10am Sunday School 11am Traditional 12:15pm Worship/Music-DCR 3pm Social Ministry - PLC SR 4pm Finance - Dwn CR	9 7am-4pm Pine St. Teacher Dev. Day - PLC 2pm Circle 2-FH 7pm Council Meeting	10 8:30am Men-A-Plenty 10:30am Staff Meeting 6pm Fitness Dance 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts FH	11 9am Eastside Co-Op 11am Bible Study 12:15pm Worship 1pm Lunch 5:30pm Handbells 7pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm Brewsky - Hickory Tavern	12 2pm Marathon Bridge 7pm NAMI	13 Christopher's Camp Set-Up - PLC	14 Christopher's Camp - PLC
15 9am Contemporary 10am Sunday School 11am Traditional 1pm LCY Reformation Celebration Game Prep 2pm 2018 Youth Gathering Meeting 3pm Youth Ministry Meeting	16 7pm Circle 4	17 8:30am Men-A-Plenty 10:30am Staff Meeting 5:30pm WELCA Brd - PLC CR 6pm Fitness Dance 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	18 9am Eastside Co-Op 11am Bible Study 12:15pm Worship 1pm Lunch 5:30pm Handbells 6pm Backpack Pack 7pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm Brewsky - Mellow Mushroom	19 5:30pm ADK Teachers	20	21 10:30-5pm Stockley Reunion - PLC
22 9am Contemporary 10am Sunday School 11am Traditional 12pm Council Calendar Plan 1pm LCY Reformation Celebration Preparation 2pm P. Emily installation at Wittenberg Lutheran, Leesville	23 6:30pm Reformation Program - PLC Dr. Carol Loar Women & Reformation 6:30pm Lutheran Men FH - Jim Milligan <i>Visiting Peter at his Home in Rome</i>	24 8:30am Men-A-Plenty 10:30am Staff Meeting 6pm Fitness Dance 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	25 9am Eastside Co-Op 11am Bible Study 12:15pm Worship 1pm Lunch 5:30pm Handbells 7pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm Brewsky - Dudley's	26	27 VISITOR DEADLINE	28 2pm Spartanburg Area ELCA Churches Joint Worship Event - Holy Communion Lutheran Church
29 Reformation/Stewardship 9am LCY Reformation Celebration Set-Up 10am Sunday School 10am LCY Reformation Celebration 11am One Worship 12pm Stewardship Luncheon 4pm AGO Reformation Recital - Nave	30 SRO Rehearsal - <i>You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown</i> 5:30-7pm Young Families Trunk or Treat - Woodland St. parking lot	31 SRO Rehearsal HALLOWEEN 8:30am Men-A-Plenty 6pm Fitness Dance-FH				



ST. JOHN'S BIRTHDAYS!



10/01
Ralph Wessinger
10/02
Helen Wessinger
10/03
Graham Poole
Nathan Shackelford
10/04
Stephanie Rice
10/05
Nancy Anderson
10/07

Katherine Hill
10/08
Gloria Massey
10/09
Shirley Connelly
Lukas Mezger
Ineka Pitt
10/10
Charles Clemmer
10/11
Owen Gregory
10/12
Barbara Corn

Rick Sprang
10/13
Matthew Brock
10/14
Linda Ebert
Ashley Nichols
10/15
Tom Quarles
10/16
Ron Miller
10/17
Eowyn Connor

10/22
Caylee Scruggs
10/23
Megan Bauss
Kaitlyn Kennedy
Vermelle Kibler
10/24
Ben Bernstein
10/25
Jacquie Maidel
10/26
Gail Brown

Lee Bryant
10/27
Larraha Quarles
10/29
Connor Gregory
Julia Nettles
Rachel Wall
10/30
Chip Brannon
Debra Brock
Rachel Connelly
Porter Hujik



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OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

9:00AM

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

10:00AM

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

11:00AM

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

MID-WEEK WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

11:00AM PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

12:15PM WORSHIP

1:00PM LUNCH

Join us on Wednesdays!

Congregation Council

Serving Through 2017

HARRELL CONNELLY - EVANGELISM MINISTRY
 LESLIE CONNOR - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY
 JOANNE KOPCHIK - SECRETARY, HEALTH MINISTRY
 ROBERTA MILESKI - YOUTH MINISTRY
 LOGAN CONNOR, *Youth Representative*

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 JANINE WAGNER - PRESIDENT
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SOUP KITCHEN SERVANT TEAMS

St. John's has teams of persons serving at the Spartanburg Soup Kitchen on Forest Avenue, **Fridays** from **10:00am** until **12:30pm** assisting with food preparation and serving, straightening up food storage, stocking shelves, helping in the "children's room," cleaning up, etc. **We are in need of more volunteers.** If you want to spend a rewarding 2 hours helping prepare food to serve some hungry folks, please contact any of the soup kitchen servants listed below. The Servant Teams serving for June are:

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Bob & Cheryl Pettis
 Lori Conn
 Kathie McKenzie
 Kitty Hagglund
 Joann Hoffmeyer

OCTOBER 13

Linda Turner
 Robin Hunsinger
 Gisela Mezger

OCTOBER 20

Brenda Ellison
 John Dennis
 Ed Maidel
 Jacquie Maidel

